

touring plymouth colony

A History of Plymouth Rock

December 10, 1620: The Pilgrims sail from Cape Cod and go ashore on Clark's Island in Plymouth Harbor where they build fires to wash and warm themselves, and hold a Sabbath service at "Pulpit Rock." They name the island for the first mate of the Mayflower.

December 11, 1620: Setting out for the mainland in the shallop, the settlers go ashore upon a large boulder located north of the mouth of Town Brook. The rock quickly becomes a valued landing place because it is covered by water only during high spring tides. A century later, the town builds its first wharf right over the rock.

1741: Thomas Faunce, a 95-year old elder of the Plymouth Church and descendant of one of the original settlers, identifies the rock based on information handed on to him through his family.

1774: Forefather's Rock, as it became known, is valued as a symbol of liberty in this Revolutionary period and it is decided to move the rock to Town Square where the Liberty Pole stood. Using a yoke of oxen to lift the rock from its bed at water's edge, workmen accidentally split the rock in two and only the upper half is brought to Town Square.

1834: Observing the intense interest of souvenir hunters, the town officials decide to protect the rock by moving it from Town Square to an iron-fenced enclosure at Pilgrim Hall Museum.

1859: The Pilgrim Society acquires a waterfront site and moves the lower part of the rock there.

1860s: Designer Hammatt Billings erects an Italian-style canopy at the waterfront site.

1880: The Pilgrim society brings the two halves of the rock together at the waterfront site and rejoins the rock with cement. Later, the rock is engraved with the date 1620.

1920: The old canopy is replaced by the current Greek Classical canopy, paid for the Colonial Dames.

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Newsletter)



"The war that never was" - On Sunday March 30, 1741 the town was alarmed during service by Joseph Wampum, a native who resided four miles from Buzzard's Bay. His news that 8 Spaniards had landed at his house was met with much panic since war existed between England and Spain. The drums proceeded to beat, the militia was sent out, but it proved a false alarm. It was afterwards called "Wampum's War".

- Mary Chilton is buried with her husband John Winslow in King's Chapel Burying Ground, Boston, - next to the grave of Paul Revere.

- The Winslow House, home of the Mayflower Society in Plymouth, was built on land owned by the Howlands for over 100 yrs. John Howland's son Capt. Jos. Howland, the first owner, passed the land on to his son Capt. Thomas Howland and he to his son Consider. Ownership changed to the Winslows in 1754 when Edw. Winslow, husband of Consider's sister Hannah, bought the land.

- Recipe for Insomnia - "Bruise a handful of Anis-seeds, and steep them in Red Rose Water, and make it up in little bags, and bind one of them to each Nostrill, and it will cause sleep."

- According to Plymouth law, an Indian arrested for being drunk had to volunteer six days of labour.

Plymouth Colony Records

Plymouth Register of Births - 1647

- April 23rd, Thomas & Hanna Smith, twin children of Richard Smith.
- April 24th, Lidia Barnes, daughter of John Barnes.
- May 25th, Samuell Wood, son of Henery Wood.
- June 2nd, Hanna Glase, daughter of James Glase.
- June 4th, Ann Sturtivant, daughter of Samuell Sturtivant.
- June 8th, Lidia Bartlet, daughter of Robert Bartlet.
- June 8th, Rebekah Billington, daughter of Francis Billington.
- June 22nd, Abigaill Church, daughter of Richard Church.
- June 23rd, Hanna Eedy, daughter of Samuell Eedy.
- June 24th, Elizabeth Chipman, daughter of John Chipman.
- July 6th, Hester Willet, daughter of Mr. Tho. Willet.
- Aug. 20th, Sara Heward, daughter of John Heward.
- Sept. 6th, Thomas Paddy, son of Mr. William Paddy.
- Jan. 13th, Seth Pope, son of Tho. Pope.
- Jan. 18th, Elizabeth Cook, daughter of Jakob Cook.
- Jan. 18th, Samuell & Elizabeth Watson, twin children of Gorg Watson.
- Jan. 27th, Ephraim Morton, son of Ephraim Morton.
- Feb. 8th, Isaak Doty, son of Edward Doty.
- Feb. 8th, Isaak Cushman, son of Elder Cushman.
- Mar. 13th, Mary Atkins, daughter of Henery Atkins.
- Mar. 23rd, Elizabeth Faunce, daughter of John Faunce.

Plymouth Register of Marriages & Burials - 1648

- Apr. 28th, Elizabeth Spooner, wife of William Spooner.
- June 15th, Hanna Glase, daughter of James Glase.
- Dec. 20th, Mr. Benjamin Vermayes maried unto Mercy Bradford.
- Dec. 25th, John Barnes, son of John Barnes.
- Jan. 4th, John Smith Jr. maried unto Deborah Howland.
- Feb. 11th, John Tompson, son of John Tompson.

Yarmouth Register of Births - 1647

- May 2nd, Susanna Miller, daughter of Mr. John Miller.
- May 21st, Elizabeth Hedge, daughter of Mr. William Hedge.
- May 1st, Samuell Matthews, son of James Matthews.
- July 29th, Ruth Tayler, daughter of Richard Tayler.
- Sept. 6th, Mary Rider, daughter of Samuell Ryder.
- Oct. 18th, Sara Hull, daughter of Trustrum Hull.
- Nov. 20th, Jonathan Hallot, son of Andrew Hallott.
- Feb. 6th, Benjamin Staare, son of Tho. Staare.
- () Darby, son of John Darby, born the last of Feb.
- Joseph, son of William Nicherson, born the 10 month.

Yarmouth Register of Marriages & Burials - 1647

- Jan. 25th, Henry Wilden maried ().
- Jan. 28th, Hugh Tilby, buried the day following.
- (), Sara Hull, died.

Sandwich Register of Births - 1648

- Mar. 27th, () Boatfish.	- Sept. 28th, Susanna Turner.
- Apr. 14th, Mary Willis.	- Oct. 10th, Debora Wing.
- Apr. 21st, Bathshenah Skiffe.	- Nov. 27th, Nathaneell Fish.
- May 8th, Meriam Wood.	- Dec. 8th, Hester Allen.
- May 12th, Ezra Bourne.	- Feb. 11th, Sara Wright
- June 1st, Micaell Blackwell.	- Feb. 27th, Benet Elles
- June 27th, Caleb Allen.	- Dec. 16th, stillborn son of Peeter Wright.
- Aug. 14th, Patience Butler	

Sandwich Register of Marriages & Burials - 1648

- May 2nd, William Wright.
- May 2nd, Gorg Allen, Sr.
- May 3rd, Gorg Knot.
- May 9th, Meream Wood.
- May 19th, William Newland maried to Rose Holloway.
- May 19th, John Presbery.
- Nov. 8th, Tho. Burgis maried to Elizabeth Bassett.

Yarmouth Register of Births - 1648

- Jan. 5th, Hannah, daughter of Richard Tempelare born 1642.
- Apr. 20th, Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Sturgis.
- Apr. 28th, Mary, daughter of Robert Dauis.
- May 1st, Samuell, son of Francis Baker.
- May 20th, Mary, daughter of John Marchant.
- May 30th, Ephraim, son of John Wing.
- Dec. 1st, John, son of Roger Elles.
- Dec. 2nd, Ann, daughter of Richard Tayler.
- Dec. 7th, Benjamin, son of John Gray.
- Dec. 16th, Ann, daughter of William Eldred.
- Jan. 22nd, Samuell, son of Richard Tempeler.
- Feb. 10th, daughter of Peeter Worden.
- () 24th, Mary, daughter of William Hedge.

Burials:

- May 8th, Elizabeth, daughter of Hugh Norman, age six, drowned in a well.
- (), Ruth, daughter of Richard Tayler.
- Dec. 11th, the son of John Winge drowned in the snow.

Welcome Aboard!

Mr. Robert George Baldwin, 1200 Island Park Walk, VANCOUVER, B.C., V6H 3T4,
#122, #52610, WARREN.
Mr. George Allen Kingley, 78 Wedgewood Dr. S.W., CALGARY, Alta., T3C 3G6,
#123, #52611, WARREN.
Mrs. Norma Jean Collins, 178 Theresa St., THUNDER BAY, Ont., P7A 5P7,
#124, #52612, CHILTON.
Mrs. Edith Joyce Fortes, 940 Pembridge Cres., KINGSTON, Ont.,
#125, #52613, CHILTON.
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#126, BREWSTER.
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#127, BREWSTER.
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FROM THE GOVERNOR

Our Governor, Mel Donald and his wife Lola, are on a trip to New Zealand and Australia which they have been planning for several years. They left on November 15th, the day after our annual banquet, and after two weeks in Bolivia and Peru proceeded by way of Rome, Israel, India and Singapore. They will return via the Pacific and arrive back in Toronto the last week of April in time for our Spring Tea on April 30th.

An important event in the life of our Society will be an official visit from the Governor-General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Mrs. Frank W. (Cay) Lanham was elected at the General Congress held in Plymouth in September 1987 to succeed William Davis and will hold the office for three years. Mrs. Lanham will be the speaker at our annual banquet on November 5th. The Governor General has many calls on his or her time and it is a great honour to our Society that Mrs. Lanham was able to accept our invitation. It is hoped that our members within a reasonable distance will make a special effort to be present and that our more distant members who may be planning to visit Toronto this year may be able to arrange their schedules in order to be present on November 5th.

Our Spring Tea this year will be in a meeting room at the new North York Public Library. This is located at the new Park Home subway stop and it is also convenient for those travelling by automobile, being close to Highway 401. The North York Library is the site of the Canadiana Room where our library is located as is the library of the Ontario Genealogical Society. After the meeting members will have an opportunity to explore this new library with its up to date facilities.

The Board of Assistants of the General Society meets in Wilmington, Delaware in September. Our Governor who is Elder General and myself as Assistant General are expecting to represent our Canadian Society.

Marshall M. Dean
Deputy Governor



Society News

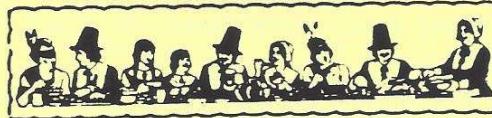
ANNUAL MEETING & FALL BANQUET REPORT

The 6th Annual Fall Meeting & Compact Dinner was held at the Delta Chelsea Inn in Toronto, Nov. 14th, 1987, with 41 members and friends present.

The agenda for the evening was as follows:

Treasurer Margaret Owen greeted guests at the door and presented them with name tags and membership cards for those who were paying their dues. Following the cocktail hour, Gov. Mel Donald welcomed everyone to the dinner with special mention to those who came from "way out-of-town". We had the Deans from Oshawa the Watsons from Ottawa and all the way from Thunder Bay, Ont. to attend their first meeting were Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Harris.

The singing of the National Anthem was followed by a toast to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II led by Dep. Gov. Marshall Dean. As is the tradition at each banquet, the Mayflower Compact was read, this year by Captain Keith Bain; and describing Plymouth's first three hungry years, Editor Susan Roser explained the significance of the symbolic five kernels of corn at each plate. Elder Ruth Ferguson read the grace and a very enjoyable turkey dinner followed.



Elections were held and the results as follows: Governor - Mel Donald; Secretary - Deborah Clarke; Captain - Arthur Harris; Member-at-large - Leon Warmski. Past Captain Keith Bain remains a member of the Board as do all members holding office.

The Ancestral Roll Call was read by Secretary Deborah Clarke. Unfortunately we did not count hands to see which Pilgrim was in the lead with the highest representation!

Dep. Gov. Marshall Dean reported on the Congress held in Plymouth last September. Next year's Congress will be held in Bloomington, Delaware.

Historian Kate Berscht introduced our guest speaker (and fellow member) Joan Magee, B.A., M.L.S. who spoke on "Huguenots on the Mayflower". Miss Magee is a Reference Librarian at the University of Windsor and as was apparent to her audience, is an authority on the subject. We learned that a Huguenot was a 16th or 17th century French speaking Protestant and three out of four English names can be traced back to Huguenot names. Early Plymouth names which fall into this category include Soule, Tilley, Samson, Cooper, Mullins, Delano, Simmons, Bumpas and Cuthbertson. Response to the speaker and the presentation of a gift in appreciation was made by member Leon Warmski.

Further announcements made by Gov. Donald - Regarding membership, we had six new members in 1987 with seven new approved members who will join Jan. 1st. We were saddened to hear of the death of our oldest member Mr. Clyde Soule in Sept. 1987. Mr. Soule attended many of our past meetings. We also learned of the tragic death of Len and Jean Decker's daughter Carol in an automobile accident in the fall. Len has served as Counsellor on our Board of Assistants this past year but has recently been transferred back to the States. We extend our deepest sympathy to these families.

The Banquet came to an end with the singing of the Royal Anthem.

Dues

A reminder that 1988 dues were due Jan. 1st. To date, a great many of our members have not sent their fees in. It would be greatly appreciated if members could try to get their dues to our Treasurer by Dec. 31st of each year. The Board of Assistants works very hard to keep the Society running smoothly, but we can't do it without your help!



Congratulations! Congratulations!

Our heartiest congratulations and warm wishes to the General Society's first woman Governor, Mrs. Cay Lanham.

Best of luck to member Marian Worthen of N.S. with her newly published book, "For Love of the Sea".

FAMILY SOCIETIES

The Wisconsin Newsletter recently published a list of Family Societies which might be of interest to our members, so it is reprinted here. Numerous family organizations are very involved in preserving and recording information about early settlers in the Plymouth area. Many have historic homes as a focal point of their efforts and some have gatherings during the Triennial Congress.

ALDEN KINDRED

Miss Clara F. Clapp, 1 Abrams Hill, Duxbury, MA 02332

ALLERTON SOCIETY

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Mary S. Lee Merrill, P.O. Box 225, Chads Ford, PA 19317

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THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY

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Betty-Jean Haner, 58 New Shaker Rd., Albany, NY 12205

CAPT. MYLES STANDISH SOCIETY

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WARREN COUSINS

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BREWSTER NOTEBOOK



Brewster descendants will be interested in this publication by Ann Borden Harding and Milton E. Terry. The information is documented and indexed in the format of the Mayflower Families. The work is based on the original searches by the late Catherine Greeley of Winnetka, Illinois, supplemented by extensive search of the local Connecticut town and country sources by Mr. Terry; of Plymouth County for the descendants of Love Brewster by the late Kay McDougal; and by careful checking by a group of experts in Barnstable County selected by Ms. Harding for the descendants of Patience Brewster.

Cost of the Brewster Notebook is \$8.50 U.S., post-paid. Please mail orders to: Milton E. Terry, 381 Creek Bed Rd., Mountainside, N.J. 07092.

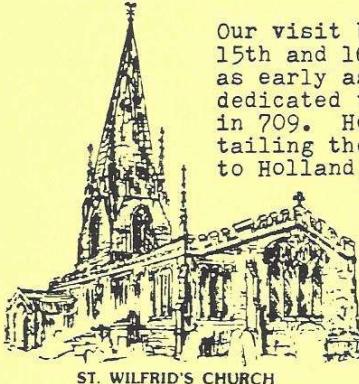
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WHERE OUR STORY BEGAN

by

Arthur Harris

Last September my wife Jean and I visited the village of Scrooby, about 35 miles north of Nottingham, in England. A settlement existed here as early as 958 AD and the Domesday Survey of 1086 records "Scrobi" as a portion of the manor of Sutton-cum-Lound; but the village's great claim to fame is through its link with the Pilgrims and especially with William Brewster who lived here.



ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH

Our visit began at St. Wilfrid's Church, which was built in the 15th and 16th centuries, though a church of this name stood here as early as 1177. This is the Anglican parish church and is dedicated to St. Wilfrid, an early Archbishop of York who died in 709. Here a very friendly guide showed us large posters detailing the story of the Pilgrim Separatist Church, the Flight to Holland, the life of William Brewster and a description of the manor house where he lived, and the Mayflower list of passengers. There was also a brass plaque commemorating a visit by a delegation from the Mayflower Society in "Plymouth, New England" in 1955. This church receives many visitors who are Mayflower descendants and parishioners are proud of their historic connections. Our guide told us that the previous year he and a friend had retraced in their own boat the voyage of the Pilgrims to Holland.

We then walked up a rather muddy country lane to the Manor House, where a building has stood for at least as far back as 1207. Many famous people have stayed here, including King John (before he signed the Magna Carta); Margaret, daughter of Henry VII, on her way to marry King James IV of Scotland; Cardinal Wolsey and Henry VIII. In 1606-7 William Brewster held meetings of the Scrooby Separatist Church here. The principal members of the Church besides Brewster (ruling elder) were Richard Clyfton (pastor), John Robinson (teacher) and a youthful member, William Bradford. In 1607 the Church's activities became known to the Established Church authorities and the group decided to leave for Holland. They were successful on the second attempt in 1608, but the story of these escapes is a tale in itself.



SCROOBY MANOR HOUSE

On the Manor House is a plaque to William Brewster and one, unveiled in 1920 by representatives of the "Anglo-American Society", commemorates the 300th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage to America.

A few miles from Scrooby we had dinner at Blyth, the home village of Francis Cooke. Later in our trip we spent a night in Canterbury, the home of James Chilton. Here we visited St. Paul's Church, in whose parish resided James and his father Lyonell Chyton. James' daughter Mary was baptized in 1607 in nearby Sandwich, where the family lived from 1600 until they moved to Holland.

We ended our trip in London, from where we had intended to see the (probable) Mayflower timbers in the old barn at Jordans, near Beaconsfield. However, the rain poured down on the only available days, thwarting our plans. On our next UK trip this visit will have a high priority.

(A special thank you to Mr. Harris for sharing his story with us. If any of our members have taken a similar trip please write and tell us about it.)



The Pilgrim's Pledge is as follows:

In the name of God. Amen. I pledge myself to hold aloft the lamps of civil and religious liberty lighted by the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, to recall and cherish the sacrifices and struggles made by them for the common good, to study their lives, deeds, faith, courage, and character, and to draw inspiration therefrom to emulate their spirit, to be loyal to the flag and institutions of the country whose founding was so greatly aided by their work and wisdom, do everything within my power to deserve and preserve the heritage, and at all times and in all ways to profit by their Pilgrim example.





GOVERNOR GENERAL TO BE GUEST OF HONOR

The Board of Assistants is pleased to announce that Mrs. Cay Lanham, newly elected Governor General of the General Society, has most graciously accepted our invitation to attend our Fall Meeting and Compact Dinner to be held November 5th, 1988.

Further details will follow in the Fall Newsletter, but mark the date on your calendar. We hope to have a good turnout to show our Governor General that although November may be cold, our hospitality couldn't be warmer!

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Statement for the year ending December 31st, 1987

Bank Balance GIC Total as per December 31st, 1986 Statement \$5623.84

RECEIPTS Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1987

Annual Dues and Donations	\$1731.37
Life Membership	175.00
GIC Bank Interest	<u>515.90</u>
	<u>2422.27</u>
	<u>\$8046.11</u>

DISBURSEMENTS Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1987

Library	\$ 136.67
Postage	205.70
Stationery & Supplies	90.76
General Society Dues (\$753.U.S.)	990.95
Gifts & Goodwill	20.00
Historian Fees	105.00
Photocopying	144.31
Banquet (Net)	98.92
Rental of Premises	80.00
Telephone & Mileage	24.30
Audit Fee	10.00
Regalia & Engraving	66.88
Bank Charges	<u>9.60</u>
	<u>1983.07</u>
	<u>\$6063.02</u>

BALANCES

Canada Trust - Kingsway Branch	\$ 863.02
Savings Account	
Guaranteed Investment Cert.	
12.25% due April 16, 1989	1000.00
12.00% due March 1, 1990	1200.00
10.50% due March 3, 1991	1000.00
10.00% due June 24, 1991	1000.00
10.00% due June 26, 1992	<u>1000.00</u>
	<u>\$6063.02</u>

- Miss Margaret Owen,
Treasurer

